

Talking Points Regarding Participation in the American Legislative Exchange Council's Spring Task Force Summit

What is the American Legislative Exchange Council?

1. The American Legislative Exchange Council is America's largest nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization, comprised of nearly one-third of the country's state legislators.
2. The American Legislative Exchange Council provides a unique opportunity for state lawmakers, business leaders and citizen organizations from around the country to share experiences and develop state-based, pro-growth policies based on academic research, existing state policy and proven business practices.
3. The American Legislative Exchange Council is a non-profit, educational policy organization that facilitates substantive, academic discussions to help make government work more efficiently and effectively.

What is the Spring Task Force Summit?

1. The Spring Task Force Summit brings together hundreds of legislators from across the country to exchange ideas about state policy.
2. The summit provides the opportunity for lawmakers to learn about the latest policy research and lessons from fellow legislators.
3. Lawmakers attend workshops on such topics as increasing/improving (whichever one) American energy opportunities/independence (which is preferred) and expanding/improving (again, whichever is preferred) college preparedness and are given the opportunity to interact with other attendees in specific policy areas of their choosing..

The Process:

1. In state legislatures around the country, constituents and groups foster ideas, participate in discussions and provide their points of view to lawmakers. This process is an important part of American Democracy.
2. The American Legislative Exchange Council and its eight task forces closely imitate the state legislative process: resolutions are introduced and assigned to an appropriate task force based on subject and scope; meetings are conducted where experts present facts and opinion for discussion, just as they would in committee hearings; these discussions are followed by a vote.

3. The task forces serve as testing grounds to judge whether resolutions can achieve consensus and enough support to survive the legislative process in a state capitol. All adopted model policies are published at www.alec.org to promote increased education and the open exchange of ideas across America.

Benefits of Participation with the American Legislative Exchange Council:

1. Lawmakers benefit from the education they receive by sharing experiences and ideas with their counterparts in other legislatures, as well as from testimony by experts in their various fields.
2. This education helps legislators make more informed decisions, become better advocates for their constituents and help make government work more efficiently and effectively.
3. The ultimate goal of the American Legislative Exchange Council and participating lawmakers is to increase efficiency, move government closer to communities and create opportunity for all Americans.

About Planned Protests of the Spring Task Force Meeting:

1. The American Legislative Exchange Council recognizes the first amendment rights of free speech and assembly, and asks that ____ do the same.
2. No person or organization has a monopoly on good ideas. The American Legislative Exchange Council seeks engagement with all people and organizations interested in helping government work better and be more responsive to people's needs.